



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

**MAYOR DICK MURPHY**

**San Diego Science & Technology Commission  
MEETING MINUTES**

The San Diego Science and Technology Commission (SDS&TC) held a regularly scheduled meeting on, September 17, 2003, hosted by SAIC location at 10260 Campus Point Drive, Building C, Conference Room C5100, San Diego, CA 92122.

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Dr. Martha Dennis, SDS&TC Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. Members present: Craig Andrews, Dr. Hui Cai, Jon Cohen, Dr. Martha Dennis, Charles Holland, Vicki Marion, Susan Myrland, Dr. Gail Naughton, Tyler Orion, Kasey Phimmasone, Richard Polanco Jr., Craig Roberts, Carrie Stone, and Maurice Wilson. Members absent: Scott Corlett, Dr. Tom Dillon, Deputy Commander Scott Randall, and Julie Meier Wright. Others Present: Louis Poanessa with SAIC and Lauree Sahba of Economic Development Corporation. Community & Economic Development Department staff members Toni Dillon, Tina Hines, Ana Maria Jaramillo, and Jeff Kawar; City Managers Office, Rey Arellano.
- II. **WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONERS:** Dr Martha Dennis welcomed newly appointed Commissioners Dr. Gail Naughton, Dean of the San Diego State College of Business Administration, Ms. Kasey Phimmasone, a Staff Consultant for Peregrine Systems, Mr. Craig Roberts, Senior Software Test Engineer with Newgen Results Corporation, and Mr. Chuck Holland Vice President and Chief Counsel for Sony Electronics. Toni Dillon then swore in both newly appointed and reappointed Commissioners to the Science and Technology Commission.
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:** June 18, 2003.  
(MOTION/SECOND/Dennis/Myrland/UNANIMOUS)
- V. **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**
  - A. Staff Report Update: Jeff Kawar detailed that there is a proposal to study the Mission Gorge Technology Park along with the Grantville community as a redevelopment area. Kawar stated that there is a possibility that the \$50,000 of funding allocated by the Commission to conduct a Portable Incremental Financing and Transportation Feasibility Market studies may not be utilized. Kawar asked if this allotment of funds could remain reserved for next six months due to the uncertainty of financing for

redevelopment study of the Grantville area. The Commission decided to keep the funds reserved for six months (MOTION/SECOND/Stone/Marion/UNANIMOUS).

- B. Digital Inclusion Economic Prosperity Follow-On Study Contract: Toni Dillon stated that the San Diego Regional Technology Alliance (SDRTA) was selected to conduct this Study. The contract has been signed and was finalized on September 4, 2003. Dillon said that the results of the Digital Inclusion Economic Prosperity Follow-On Study will include some policy options for the City of San Diego and the fiscal impact of not resolving the digital divide issue.
- C. Science and Technology Fund Balance: Dillon stated that the Science and Technology Commission has allocated funds to following four endeavors:  
1) Commission Formation Facilitation; 2) Reserved funding originally allocated for Mission Trails Industrial Park Studies; 3) Economic Prosperity Follow-On Study to the Digital Divide Update; 4) Planning Economic Prosperity (P.E.P.).

Dillon concluded that current net balance of the Science and Technology Commission's budget is \$83,681. The total balance will be \$133,681 if the reserved funding amount of \$50,000 is not utilized.

## V. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- A. Digital Inclusion Working Group: Ms. Susan Myrland mentioned that after a summer recess, the DWIG subcommittee met on September 4, 2003 to discuss the future direction of the group. Ms. Myrland stated that DWIG has served as a convener and information resource for various organizations that are stake holders in the digital inclusion issue.

Ms. Myrland summarized that a smaller focus group whose members include herself, Gerald O'Neal of San Diego Data Processing, Christine Ang with San Diego Regional Technology Alliance, Phil Davis with San Diego Community Technology Coalition, and Toni Dillon of Economic Development will prepare a summary document. This summary document will detail the progress of the DWIG and will be presented to City Council Offices prior to the completion of the Digital Inclusion Economic Prosperity Follow-On study.

Ms. Myrland cited that the DWIG subcommittee will recruit for a new chairman. The new chairman would be instrumental in propelling the charge of DWIG to the level of the City Council. Ms. Myrland then asked the Science and Technology Commission if there were any volunteers for the DWIG chairman. Mr. Maurice Wilson expressed interest in this position. Mr. Craig Roberts and Mr. Richard Polanco Jr. offered their assistance to the DWIG subcommittee.

- B. Planning Economic Prosperity (P.E.P.): Ms. Lauree Sahba with the Regional Economic Development Corporation made a presentation of a five step process for the planning of the P.E.P. forum. The five steps Ms. Sahba proposed are: 1) establish a core leadership group to guide the process; 2) update the economic analysis of biomedical, software, telecommunications, and defense industry clusters; 3) conduct interviews with industry leaders within each cluster; 4) conduct a forum with industry leaders and public officials; 5) prepare a summary report and recommendations for an annual event.

Dr. Dennis stated that the purpose of this forum was to accomplish two goals. First to make the concerns of the science and technology community known to the Mayor and City Council and to provide input to the Economic Prosperity Element of the City's General Plan.

Dr. Gail Naughton offered to take the lead of the P.E.P. subcommittee. In addition she volunteered the use of SDSU facilities. Upon the conclusion of the discussion, it was decided the P.E.P. subcommittee would meet to refine the scope and the coordination of the industry leader forum.

- VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Dr. Dennis suggested the issue of bi-national affairs and the Mexican border crossing would an interesting topic for an agenda. Kavar mentioned that the Mayor's International Affairs Board focuses on trans-border issues.

Another potential agenda item collectively discussed by the Commission was the exportation of jobs in the United States to other countries. It was decided that this issue was a little too broad and that a better focus would on high technology jobs lost locally.

In conclusion, the Commission asked Community and Economic Development staff to prepare report of high technology jobs lost by NAICS codes.

- VII. UPCOMING MEETINGS: The next regular meeting will be October 22, 2003 from 3 PM to 5PM.
- VIII. ADJOURN: There being no further business of the Commission; this meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.